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Applicant : Sususmu SEINO et al.

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REQUEST FOR REMAILING OF OFFICE ACTION

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Sir :

For the reasons set forth below, Applicant requests that (1) the Examiner vacate the December 18, 2001 Office Action; and (2) the Examiner mail a new Office Action.

Applicant respectfully submits that the December 18, 2001 was incomplete. In particular, the Office Action makes clear that the Examiner failed to consider the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrent with the Application. For example, Claim 10 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.72(c) as being a multiply dependent claim which depends from a multiply dependent claim, Claim 5. However, the Preliminary Amendment filed July 14, 2000 amended Claim 10 to depend from Claim 4 only.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner remail the December 18, 2001 Office Action.

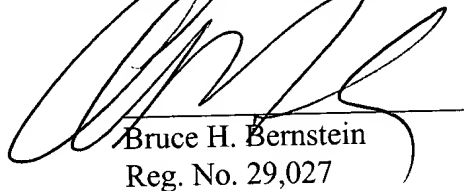
Applicant further respectfully requests that the three-month shortened statutory period for

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responding to the December 18, 2001 Office Action be restarted with the mailing of the new Office Action. In this regard, as noted above, the December 18, 2001 Office Action was not complete because the Office Action fails to consider the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrent with the Application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that restarting of the time period for response is appropriate. See MPEP 710.06.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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